

REMARKS

The drawings were objected to for having confusing various elements. In response, the Applicant respectfully points out to the Examiner that the tether operation, and the shoulder strap operation are of conventional known design. Thus, the Applicant does not believe that it is necessary to show any particular mechanism enabling the retraction of the tether and/or enabling the adjustability/locking of the shoulder straps. Applicant requests that the Examiner, in light of this information, please reconsider the objection.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because it is unclear how the retracting mechanism operates. Similarly, the Examiner commented that it is unclear how the lock in claim 10 and the second locking device in claim 11 operate. As aforementioned, Applicant respectfully believes that because such elements and operations are of conventional design that no particular description is necessary. Anyone skilled in the art to which the present invention pertains could choose any one of a number of conventional devices for said subject matter.

Claims 6, 7 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because of antecedent basis problems and typographical errors. In response, Applicant has corrected the claims to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Dickler in view of Asano. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1, from which all claims depend, to include limitations regarding a flat wrist loop and sizing of the flat wrist loop and the backpack. In view of the limitations made to claim 1, Applicant now believes that this rejection has been overcome. Unlike the references

cited, the present invention has a flat wrist loop sized for fitting around the wrist of an adult – “restrainer.”

Claims 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Dickler and further in view of Adam. In response, as aforementioned, Applicant’s newly amended claim 1, from which 16 and 17 depend, is believed to overcome this rejection.

Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Dickler and further in view of Ivarson et al. In response, as aforementioned, Applicant’s newly amended claim 1, from which 8 and 9 depend, is believed to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-8, and 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Tulgan in view of Harwell or Caulder et al. In response, as aforementioned, Applicant’s newly amended claim 1, from which 1-8 and 10-15 depend, is believed to overcome this rejection.

Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Tulgan and further in view of Golling et al or Ivarson. In response, as aforementioned, Applicant’s newly amended claim 1, from which 8 and 9 depend, is believed to overcome this rejection. Unlike the present invention, none of the references show a flat wrist loop sized to fit the wrist of the “restrainer” on one end of a tether and a backpack sized to fit a child – “restraine.”

Claims 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Tulgan and further in view of Adam. In response, as aforementioned, Applicant’s newly amended claim 1, from which 16 and 17 depend, is believed to overcome this rejection.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Fahl et al. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1, from which all claims depend, to include limitations regarding a flat wrist loop and sizing of the flat wrist loop and the backpack. In view of the limitations made to claim 1, Applicant now believes that this rejection has been overcome. Unlike the references cited, the present invention has a flat wrist loop sized for fitting around the wrist of an adult – “restrainer.”

Claims 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Fahl et al in view of Tulgan. In response, as aforementioned, Applicant’s newly amended claim 1, from which 11 -13 depend, is believed to overcome this rejection.

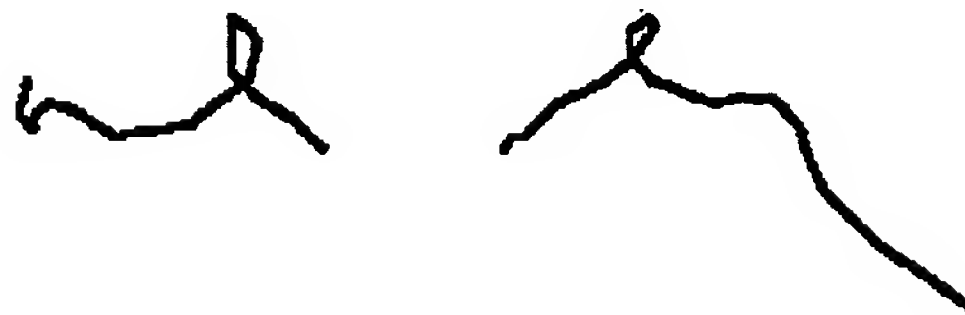
Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Japan 11-318539, or in the alternative, over Luna in view of Japan 11-318539. In response, as aforementioned, Applicant’s newly amended claim 1, from which 2, 5, and 6 depend, is believed to overcome this rejection.

Claims 7-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Luna in view of Japan 11-318539 and further in view of Ivarson et al. In response, as aforementioned, Applicant’s newly amended claim 1, from which 7-15 depend, is believed to overcome this rejection.

Claims 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Japan 11-318539. In response, as aforementioned, Applicant’s newly amended claim 1, from which 16 and 17 depend, is believed to overcome this rejection.

Any extensions of time are hereby requested. *Please charge all fees due and owing to Deposit Account No. 500356 in the name of A + Legal Services - Greenberg & Lieberman.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small hook.

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